Setting up of Health Field survey units in remote areas

4183. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to set up Health Field Survey Units in remote areas so that health scheme benefits percolate down to the poorest of the poor in remote rural areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any provision has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan to make this scheme a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Health Field Survey Units have been set up in the country to undertake surveys/studies on various health aspects. They do not provide Health Services in any area including remote areas.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Genetic disorders in MIC gasleakage disaster victims

4184. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of victims MIC gas-leakage disaster of December, 1984 have been found to be prone to genetic disorders, as reported in the Statesman of 11th August, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the findings in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto, by way of securing adequate compensation to the victims for the damage suffered by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Pan Masala Hazards

4185. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial note in the Hindustan Times dated 12th August, 1988, which appeared under the caption "Pan Masala hazards";

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that in place of genuine ingredient, Khair of Katechu, an imported chemical, Gambier, is used by Pan Masala manufacturers; and

(c) whether Gambier is imported for tannery factories and has been found to be cancer causing chemical;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Government has seen the editorial note appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 12-8-1988 under the caption "Pan Masala Hazards".

(b) and (c) A report on adulteration of catechu with gambier has been brought to the notice of the Government. The State Governments have been asked to keep a strict vigil on quality of catechu and pan Masala.

Drugs for opthalmic use

4186. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1061 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hydrocortisone eye drops, on account of their causing of irritation to the eyes, are rarely used;

(b) whether it is a fact that Betamethasone and Dexamethasone eye drops are more safe and are widely used;

(c) what are the reasons for not including them in Trichoma Control Programme; and

(d) what are the comparative sales of various opthalmic preparations under ORG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government have not received any report that hydrocortisone eye drops are rarely used due to its causing irritation to the eyes and Betamethasone, Dexamethasone eye drops are more safe.

(c) Government had chosen to include one corticosteroid eye preparation instead of many as there are hardly any difference in their effectiveness.

(d) Sale turnover of drugs and formulations is monitored by the Ministry of Industry.

Irregularities by ITDC Staff

4187. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of corruption, misuse of power and official position, favouritism and redtapism by the officials of ITDC, brought to the notice of Government/ITDC Management by Members of Parliament/Trade Union Organisations or the individuals during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) what is the number of cases referred to in part (a) above, which have been referred for Vigilance investigation/ inquiry to Government investigating agencies, and also those dealt with by ITDC internally, during the said period; and

(c) what is the summary of those cases where complaints have been found without substance/false and also those where action has been taken against the defaulting officials till December, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) ITDC received 72 complaints from various sources during the period 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87.

(b) Out of the 72 complaints investigated by Vigilance Division of the ITDC, two were referred to CBI/or Police and one to the Directorate of Enforcement.

(c) On investigations, 21 complaints were found false, in 50 cases action was recommended and the remaining one case is under investigation by the vigilance Division of ITDC. A statement showing summary of 72 complaints is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 143].

Chief executive and working President of RKVAS

4188. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the name of Chief Executive of Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh between 25th December, 1987 and the date of the First National Convention of RKVAS held in April, 1988;

(b) what is the name of the working President of the said Sangh during the same period;

(c) what are the names of the officers of Sangathan who have been meeting formally and informally in the capacity of the General Secretary President and Working President of the Sangh, since the First Convention of this Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh held in April, 1988; and

(d) what are the details of office-bearers of the Sangh elected in April, 1988 and the details of delegates who participated thereat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF